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1. SUMMARY: I HAVE GRAVE MISGIVINGS RE PROPOSAL IN REFTTEL FOR
SETTING UP OUTSIDE- DIRECTED ASSISTANCE COORDINATION ORGANIZATION
FOR DROUGHT RELIEF SAHELIAN COUNTRIES. AS FAR AS MALI IS
CONCERNED IT IS COMPLICATED AND PROBABLY UNNECESSARY ORGANIZATION
AND
WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY EVOKE STRONG CRITICISM FROM AND NON-
COOPERATION OF MALIAN GOVERNMENT. MALIANS HAVE EXPRESSLY TOLD
SCHEYVEN AND WFP REPRESENTATIVES THAT THEY, AND THEIR SENEGALESE,
IVORIAN AND VOLTAIC PARTNERS DO NOT WANT OR NEED TO BE " COORDINATE"
AND WILL NOT ACCEPT " OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE." UNDER THESE
CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR USG TO TAKE LEAD, AS SEEMS TO BE
INDICATED IN REFTTEL, IN ESTABLISHING UNACCEPTABLE " EUROPEAN
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COORDINATION" ORGANIZATION COULD AS FAR AS MALI IS CONCERNED HURT US BADLY. I THEREFORE URGE PROJECT BE ABANDONED. END SUMMARY.

2. AS FAR AS GRAIN DISTRIBUTION IN- COUNTRY IS CONCERNED, GOM WOULD SIMPLY NOT ALLOW ANY OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION TO OPERATE (PARA 4 B REFTE). THESE ARE MOST POLITICALLY DELICATE OPERATIONS MILITARY COMMITTEE HAS HAD TO FACE SINCE IT TOOK POWER AND IT WILL NOT LET THEM OUT OF THEIR CONTROL. FURTHERMORE, THERE IS NO NEED FOR HELP IN ORGANIZING DISTRIBUTION HERE. GERMANS AND SOVIETS WHO PROVIDED AIRCRAFT FOR EARLIER GRAIN DELIVERY TO FIRST AND SIXTH REGIONS WERE FULLY SATISFIED WITH GOM'S ABILITY TO COORDINATE WORK OF THEIR TWO SETS OF PLANES - GERMAN AND SOVIET'S, AND WERE IMPRESSED WITH DISPATCH AND EFFICIENCY WITH WHICH ARMY, REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS, AND OPAM OPERATING UNDER LOCAL DROUGHT COMMITTEES RUN BY GOVERNORS. OUR OWN US OBSERVERS WHO VISITED GRAIN DISTRICT OPERATIONS IN ALL AREAS IN MALI CAME AWAY WITH SAME HIGH REGARD FOR MALIAN EFFORTS. AS FAR AS FUTURE IS CONCERNED, ONLY US AND FRENCH (ONE PLANE FOR TWO WEEKS) AIRLIFT IS IN CARDS FOR MALI, AND WE AND FRENCH CONVINCED THAT GOM COULD HANDLE COORDINATION BETWEEN OUR TWO OPERATIONS WITH NO TROUBLE.

3. EVEN AS FAR AS PORT OPERATIONS IN ABIDJAN AND DAKAR FOR GRAIN DELIVERIES TO MALI ARE CONCERNED, NEW COORDINATION BUREAUCRACY IS NOT WANTED BY GOM AND NOT NEEDED. IN DAKAR, MALIAN AND SENEGALESE RAILWAYS PLUS SOCOPAO HAVE LONG EXPERIENCE IN APPLYING WELL- ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES RE UNLOADING, BAGGING, STORAGE, AND TRANSSHIPMENT. MALIANS QUITE SATISFIED WITH AND HAVE CONFIDENCE IN EXISTING CHANNELS. THEY ALREADY HAVE REPRESENTATIVE OF NATIONAL DROUGHT COORDINATOR WHO IS DEFENSE MINISTER

DOUKARA WORKING IN DAKAR.

4. RE ABIDJAN PORT OPERATIONS, MALIANS HAVE WORKED OUT ALMOST AS GOOD ARRANGEMENTS WITH IVORIAN GOVERNMENT, ABIDJAN- OUAGADOUGOU RAILROAD AND SOCOPAO. MALIAN TRANSPORT MINISTER COORDINATOR IN PLACE THERE. TOGETHER THEY HAVE WORKED OUT ALLOCATION OF RAIL SPACE, UTILIZATION OF SCARCE STORAGE SPACE, HIRING OF LOCAL TRUCKS FOR TRANSPORT TO MALI, ETC. MOREOVER, WE UNDERSTAND MOST OF ASSISTANCE TO UPPER VOLTA HAS BEEN MOVED AWAY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM ABIDJAN TO LOME AND GHANAIAI PORTS TO GIVE MALI BEST BREAK ON DROUGHT RELIEF. I CAN' T HELP BUT THINK ESTABLISHMENT COORDINATION CENTER MIGHT WELL SLOW THINGS DOWN BY " LAYERING

EFFECT"

ON

ALREADY RELATIVELY EFFICIENT AND EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION IN ABIDJAN.

5. RE ARRIVALS OF GRAIN SHIPS AT WEST AFRICAN PORTS, THERE MAY BE SOME AREA FOR OUTSIDE COORDINATION OF US, WFP, FED, FRENCH AND GERMAN GRAIN SHIPMENTS . HOWEVER, LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES THESE GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS HERE EMPHASIZE (A) THAT GRAIN SENT WHENEVER SCARCE SHIPPING CAPACITY CAN BE LOCATED AND (B) THERE NO WAY COORDINATE SOVIET OR CHINESE SHIPMENTS. THIS CAN ONLY BE DONE BY MALI.

I AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH AMBASSADOR EASUM' S REMARKS IN OUAGADOUGOU 789 (NOTAL) ABOUT IMPORTANCE PARTICIPATION SAHELIAN GOVERNMENTS RE ANY MULTI- DONOR EFFORTS. CERTAINLY NOTHING OF COMPLEXITY PROPOSED BY SCHEYVEN IN PARA 4 REFTEL OR EVEN ASSISTANCE PROPOSED BY AID/ W IN PARA 6 SHOULD BE MORE THAN INFORMALLY DISCUSSED UNTIL SAHELIAN GOVERNMENTS (AND NOT REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS) ARE OFFICIALLY CONSULTED.

6. I HAVE DISCUSSED ALL FOREGOING WITH FRENCH AND GERMAN AMBASSADORS, UN RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE AND WITH FED REPRESENTATIVE. THEY FULLY SHARE MY VIEWS THAT OUTSIDE COORDINATION FOR MALI IS UNNECESSARY AND UN RESIDENT REP GOES FURTHER: HE SAYS SCHEYVEN UNACCEPTABLE TO GOM. MADE SUCH A BAD IMPRESSION HERE THAT ANY SUGGESTION OF HIS WOULD AUTOMATICALLY BE TURNED DOWN.

7. WE ARE SENDING INFO ON AIRLIFT FOR MALI IN SEPTTEL. BLAKE

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